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Israel: [Tel Aviv has let it be known that it would like to delay a General Assembly vote on the nonproliferation treaty.]

In talks with Norwegian officials in Oslo last week, Foreign Minister Eban revealed that Israel prefers that a vote in the General Assembly on endorsement of the nonproliferation treaty be postponed. Although Eban said that Israel would not introduce its own demands or proposals on the treaty and would vote in favor of a UN resolution, he added that his country wants changes in the treaty which it hopes some other country will propose. He gave the impression that Israel sympathized with those countries seeking to have the matter postponed until after the Non-Nuclear States Conference in Geneva in August.

Eban's conversation with the Norwegians took place prior to Egyptian co-sponsorship of the treaty and other subsequent indications of Arab support for it. Whether this will influence Israel's ultimate decision on the treaty is not clear.

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